

negroes, the committee recommend it, though fully aware that it is imperfect in detail. The necessity for some measure of the kind is so imperative that we deem it far better to secure an imperfect law which may be amended, than to incur the evils resulting from having none.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The subject before the Senate on its adjournment was the motion of Mr. Miller, to suspend the rule which prohibits the consideration of a vote to reconsider; which motion was lost.

Mr. Bigelow presented the petition of sundry citizens of Brownsville, praying for a charter for a railroad; referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Dancy introduced a joint resolution relating to the action of the United States Congress with regard to the reserved five millions of United States bonds and the Texas debt; read first time

The report of the committee on Public Lands, offering a substitute for a bill to repeal an act relating to lands in Peters' Colony, was read, and on motion of Mr. Grimes, the report was laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, the Senate adjourned until 3 o'clock P. M.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate met—roll called—quorum present.

The question before the Senate was on the adoption of the substitute offered by the committee on Public Lands, for a bill to repeal an act relating to lands in Peters' Colony.

On motion of Mr. Bogart, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, January 21, 1853.

The Senate was called to order by the President *pro tem.*, pursuant to adjournment—prayer by the Rev. Mr. Sheehan—roll called—quorum present.

The Journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Grimes presented the petition of C. B. Stewart, on behalf of the owners of Calvin Lynch's third league of land; referred to the committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Hart presented the petition of A. Morgan; referred to the committee on Claims and Accounts.

Mr. Gray presented the petition of Jesse White; referred to the committee on Claims and Accounts.

Mr. Wilson presented the petition of Wm. Pelham, John W. Phillips and S. A. J. Haynie, Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in the city of Austin; referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Taylor made the following report:

Your committee on Private Land Claims have had under consideration a bill granting one-third of a league of land to Wm. Windgate, and have instructed me to report back the bill and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the same; and further to recommend to the Senate that no action be taken at this extra session, upon any private claims; all of which is respectfully submitted.

Mr. Gray made the following report:

The committee on the Judiciary have considered a bill supplementary to an act concerning crimes and punishments, approved March 20, 1848, and find it to be the same bill which was recommended by the committee and passed by the Senate at the regular session. The committee have made a few amendments and modifications which appeared desirable, and again recommend the passage of the bill.

Mr. Wilson introduced a bill to incorporate the Colorado Valley Railroad company; read first time.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, the rule was suspended; bill read second time, and referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Dancy introduced a bill supplementary to an act to incorporate the Texas Monumental committee; read first time.

Mr. Armstrong introduced a bill to prescribe the manner in which the Governor shall issue his proclamations; read first time.

Mr. Day introduced a bill to authorize the county courts to levy a tax for the benefit of Railroads; read first time.

Mr. Meusebach introduced a bill to extend the provisions of an act supplementary to an act to secure to the German Emigration company and their colonists the lands to which they are entitled, and to adjust the liabilities of said company; approved December 2, 1850; read first time.

Mr. Hill introduced a bill for the relief John Conner, a Delaware chief; read first time.

Mr. Bigelow introduced a bill to create the sixth Military Division; read first time.

Mr. Duggan introduced a bill to incorporate the San Marcos Bridge company ; read first time.

Mr. Miller introduced a bill to provide for the cancellation of patents ; read first time.

Mr. Gray introduced a bill to amend the 130th and 131st sections of an act to regulate proceedings in the district courts, approved May 13, 1846 ; read first time.

Mr. Gray introduced a bill supplementary to an act creating the Brazos Plank Road company ; read first time.

Mr. Williams introduced a bill for the relief of Wyatt W. Kennedy ; read first time.

On motion of Mr. Gray, the report of the committee on Internal Improvements on a bill to amend an act incorporating the Buffalo Bayou, Brazos and Colorado Railway company, offering amendments thereto, was taken up, amendments adopted, and bill ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Gray, the rule was suspended, bill read third time and passed by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. Armstrong, Bigelow, Bogart, Burks, Dancy, Davis, Day, Ford, Gray, Grimes, Hart, Hill, Meusebach, Miller, Parker, Potter, Reaves, Scott, Truit, Williams and Wilson—21.

NAYS—Mr. Taylor—1.

On motion of Mr. Armstrong, the report of the committee on Public Lands on the petition of Francis Brichtar, was taken up, and the report and petition referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The question before the Senate on its last adjournment being on the adoption of the substitute offered by the committee on Public Lands, for a bill to repeal an act relating to lands in Peters' colony, was again resumed.

Mr. Truit moved to postpone the further consideration of the subject until Tuesday next—lost, by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. Bigelow, Bogart, Dancy, Ford, Hill, Meusebach, Truit and Williams—8.

NAYS—Messrs. Armstrong, Burks, Davis, Day, Duggan, Eddy, Gray, Grimes, Hart, Miller, Parker, Potter, Reaves, Scott and Wilson—15.

The yeas and nays were then called on the adoption of the substitute and were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Armstrong, Day, Duggan, Eddy, Ford, Grimes, Parker, Scott, Reaves, Taylor and Wilson—11.

NAYS—Messrs. Bigelow, Bogart, Burks, Dancy, Davis, Gray,

Hart, Hill, Meusebach, Miller, Potter, Truit and Williams—13; rejected.

Mr. Eddy offered the following amendment :

Sec. 2.—Be it further enacted, That this act shall take effect from and after its passage; adopted.

Mr. Hill offered the following amendment to come in after the word "repealed," at the end of 1st section :

And the agent or trustees of the Texas Emigration and Land company may locate and have surveyed, on any of the vacant lands of the State, the certificates for the 1700 sections of land for 640 acres each, issued by the commissioner of the General Land Office under the provisions of the act hereby repealed, and patents shall issue for the same in like manner, as provided by law for locating, surveying and patenting other claims against the State for lands; rejected by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. Bogart, Hart, Hill, Meusebach and Wilson—5.

NAYS—Messrs. Armstrong, Bigelow, Burks, Dancy, Davis, Day, Duggan, Eddy, Ford, Gray, Grimes, Miller, Parker, Potter, Reaves, Scott, Taylor, Truit and Williams—19.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. Armstrong, Burks, Dancy, Davis, Duggan, Eddy, Ford, Hill, Parker, Reaves, Scott, Taylor and Truit—13.

NAYS—Messrs. Bigelow, Bogart, Day, Gray, Grimes, Hart, Meusebach, Miller, Potter, Williams and Wilson—11.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, the Senate adjourned until 3 o'clock P. M.

THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

Senate met—roll called—quorum present.

On motion of Mr. Duggan, the report of the committee on the Judiciary on resolution to provide for classification of Senators, offering a resolution that the Senate do divide its members by lot into two classes forthwith, was taken up, read and adopted.

The Senate proceeded to its classification, which resulted as follows :

First class, were Senators Bogart, Burks, Dancy, Day, Doane, Duggan, Eddy, Gray, Grimes, Hart, Hill, Meusebach and Wilson.

Second class, were Senators Armstrong, Bigelow, Davis, Ford, Kinney, Miller, Parker, Potter, Reaves, Scott, Taylor, Truit and Williams.

A bill making appropriations for the improvement of the rivers of the State; read.

Mr. Hill offered the following amendment to come in at the end of 2nd clause of 1st section :

Provided, That one half of the sum hereby appropriated to the Trinity river, shall be expended in the improvement of said river above Magnolia and the other half below Magnolia; adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Armstrong, Bigelow, Bogart, Burks, Ford, Gray, Grimes, Hart, Hill, Scott, Taylor, Williams and Wilson—13.

NAYS—Messrs. Dancy, Davis, Day, Duggan, Meusebach, Miller, Parker, Potter and Truit—9.

Mr. Wilson moved to reconsider the vote just taken.

On motion of Mr. Miller, the Senate adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, January 22, 1853.

The Senate was called to order by the President, pursuant to adjournment—no quorum. Absent, Messrs. Armstrong, Burks, Dancy, Ford, Gray, Hart, Hill, Meusebach, Williams and Wilson, Sergeant-at-Arms was despatched after absent members—after some time a quorum being present, the Journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Potter presented the petition of sundry citizens, praying for donation to aid the Ursuline Convent school; referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Day presented the petition of sundry citizens of Austin, Grimes and Harris counties, praying the organization of a new county to be called Groce; referred to the committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

Mr. Reaves, chairman of the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported a bill to amend an act to incorporate the Buffalo Bayou, Brazos and Colorado Railway company, correctly engrossed.

Mr. Grimes, from the committee on Public Debt, to which was referred a resolution requesting said committee to enquire into the expediency of providing for the prompt payment of first class claims, &c., reported a bill to provide for the payment of that part of the Public Debt held by citizens of Texas; which was read a first time.

Mr. Wilson, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill concerning certain lands in Austin's second colony, and the colony of Austin and Williams, reported the same back and recommended its passage, with the following amendments: after the word "exist," in the 4th line of 1st sec-